

## PERFIN COVER TO VICTORIA CROSS HOLDER

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I believe that I may be the only member who has a perfin cover addressed to a holder of the Victoria Cross! Illustrated below is a copy of the cover for which I paid 7/6d to a dealer in Colchester in 1970 – which in those days was a not insignificant sum of money.

The cover, bearing a 1½d Edward VII stamp is attached to an embossed one penny envelope. The stamp bears the perfin – COX C5680.02 – who were military bankers and agents with their head office in Charing Cross.

The addressee, Captain Henry Mitchell Jones, won his Victoria Cross on June 7<sup>th</sup> 1855 in the Quarries in Sevastopol in the Crimea. He was a Company Commander in the Royal Fusiliers (AKA The Elegant Extracts) or the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot.

The letter was stamped at 5:15 pm on November 1<sup>st</sup> 1906. Captain Jones was the British Vice Consul at Kristiania in Norway. This (re-directed) cover has a cds for Holmenken on the same date and a receiving strike for London SW on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Would a re-directed letter do any better today? I doubt it very much.

